Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0006]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] Note ~~thatTo~~that to avoid locally decreased wall thickness caused by stretching of a resin upon blow molding, JP 2002-255141A proposes a heat-resistant bottle provided with a lateral concave rib along a boundary between a shoulder part and a body part of the bottle in a manner that the lateral concave rib has a rib bottom diameter set at 0.85 to 0.92 times an outer diameter of a cylindrical surface of the body part.

Please replace paragraph **[0027]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0027] When using a preform shown in FIG. 3 so as to perform biaxial-stretching blow molding of a slender bottle type container, such as that shown in FIGS. 1A, 1B and 1C, under a molding condition of a smaller circumferential draw ratio (typically, a circumferential draw ratio of 2.8 or less, and particularly 2.65 or less), it is general that a resin is rarely stretched at a lower region of the preform so that an upper region of the preform is brought to contact with a mold surface before the lower region contacts with the mold surface. This results in non-uniformity of the resin stretching between the upper region and lower region thereof, and tends to cause resin accumulation and whitening, which in turn cause a defective appearance. Nonetheless, the invention has provided the convex portions 6 at the wall faces of the lower panels 5, respectively, with each convex portion 6 having a mountain-like cross-section having a width larger at a lower side than at an upper side in a circumferential direction. This configuration rarely causes obstructions against vectors directed from the mouth part toward the bottom part in a stretching direction of the resin. Moreover, when the convex portions 6 are each provided to have ridge lines 6a, 6b in the inverted V-shape, the resin is smoothly stretched upon blow molding to thereby mitigate or avoid resin accumulation and whitening.